

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1, please insert the following heading and paragraph:

**“CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS”**

“This application claims the benefit and priority of the U.S. Provisional Application bearing Serial No. 60/406,022, filed August 26, 2002, entitled “Improved Wood Reducing Apparatus Including Slotted Paddle Wheel Feed Drum,” which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.”

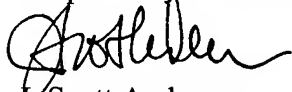
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### CONCLUSION

The undersigned is available at (404) 881-7821 if the Examiner has any questions or requests that may be resolved by telephone in order to expedite the examination of this application.

The Applicants do not believe any request for extension of time or fees are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow the consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned-for under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) and any fee required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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